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Singular and Plural Nouns

Teaching

A **singular noun** names one person, place, thing, or idea. A **plural noun** names more than one person, place, thing, or idea.

One inventor had an outlandish suggestion. (singular nouns)

Several inventors had outlandish suggestions. (plural nouns)

This chart shows the usual ways to form the plurals of nouns.

Singular	Rule	Sample Plural
desk, chair	Add -s to most nouns.	desks, chairs
brush, box	Add -es to nouns ending in <i>s</i> , <i>sh</i> , <i>ch</i> , <i>x</i> , or <i>z</i> .	brushes, boxes
radio, stereo echo, hero	Add -s to most nouns that end in <i>o</i> . Add -es to a few nouns that end in <i>o</i> .	radios, stereos echoes, heroes
hobby, fly monkey, day	Change the <i>y</i> to an <i>i</i> and add -es to most nouns ending in <i>y</i> . If a vowel comes before the <i>y</i> , add -s .	hobbies, flies monkeys, days
shelf, knife roof, cuff	Change the <i>f</i> to a <i>v</i> and add -es to most nouns that end in <i>f</i> or <i>fe</i> . Add -s to a few nouns that end in <i>f</i> or <i>fe</i> .	shelves, knives roofs, cuffs
sheep, tuna	Some nouns keep the same spelling.	sheep, tuna
woman, foot	The plural forms of some nouns are irregular.	women, feet

A. Identifying Plural Forms of Nouns

In each sentence, underline only the plural nouns.

- Do you see the dark puffs of smoke coming from those chimneys?
- Signs warn motorists of deer on the road.
- Farmers had a good crop of cherries this year.
- Small inns and farmhouses dotted the roads.
- Miguel pointed out monuments honoring heroes of the war.

B. Correcting Errors in Plural Nouns

In each sentence, the boldfaced plural has been formed incorrectly. Write the correctly spelled plural on the line.

- How beautiful to see the **leafs** changing colors! _____
- We stopped at a picnic area to eat our **sandwichs**. _____
- Mom cut up fresh **tomatos** from a farmer's fruit stand. _____
- Some country bridges are only ten **foots** high. _____
- Truck **driveres** could have problems on those bridges. _____

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In each sentence, underline only the plural nouns.

1. Many sheep and horses grazed in the fields.
2. There were cows and calves near the fence.
3. We looked out the windows at the healthy crops.
4. Look at that flock of geese across the road!
5. Some farmers sell potatoes and other vegetables.
6. You don't hear stereos and the sounds of beeping horns in the country.

B. Correcting Errors in Plural Nouns

In each sentence, find and underline the plural that has been formed incorrectly. Write the correctly spelled plural on the line.

1. We will have many storys to tell after our camping trips. _____
2. Several deers approached our campsites. _____
3. Do the buzzs of those bees frighten you? _____
4. Fred and Lisa took many photoes with their new cameras. _____
5. Dad was hoping to catch several bass and trouts for our suppers. _____
6. I hope our stereoes don't frighten the animals. _____
7. Let's keep our food items several foots above the ground. _____
8. Where are the three boxs of potato chips? _____
9. The berries on those bushs look good for eating. _____
10. Our motheres will be pleased if we bring back enough for some pies. _____

C. Using Plural Nouns

Form the plural of the given nouns. Then use all three plurals in a single sentence.

1. wife _____ city _____ potato _____

2. boy _____ sandwich _____ loaf _____

3. goose _____ field _____ grass _____

Singular and Plural Nouns***Application*****A. Identifying Uses of Plural Nouns**

In the following sentences, decide whether each noun is in the correct form, singular or plural. If the noun should be plural, has the plural been formed correctly? Rewrite every sentence with the correct noun forms.

1. The three fishermens caught at least eight tunas.

2. We tasted several dish from countrys around the world at the cookout.

3. Tanya changed the recipe by substituting tomatos and bay leafs.

4. Fay and Ken used little knives to cut ten peach.

B. Using Plural Nouns

Form the plural of the given nouns. Then use all three plurals in a single sentence.

1. man _____ animal _____ leash _____

2. radio _____ shelf _____ hobby _____

3. team _____ box _____ coach _____

C. Using Nouns

Suppose that your class is making a time capsule for people to open in 50 years. What items would you like people in the future to see so they would have an idea of how you live your life today? Write a short paragraph describing what you would put in the box. Underline at least six plural nouns in your paragraph.
